

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph (section) beginning on page 17, at line 25 as shown below:

Communication system 20 may also include gateway 220 interfacing communication system 20 with external SS7 network 52 represented by signal transfer point (STP) 222. SS7/IP gateway ~~Gateway~~ 220 communicates with STP 222 through ISUP compliant connection 224 which permits setting up and taking down trunk calls, calling party information services, call status, and the like, by passing signaling information through SS7 network 52 to wireline provider 208 under the control of integrated services control point (ISCP) 226.